

REMARKS

I. RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank the Examiner for the Phone Interview with Applicants representative, Priya Subramony, on October 12, 2011. The Interview Summary mailed by the Office dated October 19, 2011 is acknowledged. Proposed amendments to Claims 25 and 26 were discussed and found to be acceptable to overcome the 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph rejections. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the present amended claims which place all the presently pending claims in condition for allowance.

II. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 18-28 and 43-45 were pending at the time of the Office Action. Claims 1-17, 29-42 and 46-47 were previously cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer, in view of the Restriction Requirement in this case. Claims 18-25 have been cancelled in this Response without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 26-28, 43 and 45 have been amended herein. Amendments are supported by the originally filed specification, claims and drawings. For example, support for amendments to claims may be found in the present specification and originally filed claims at least at pages 15- page 19, original claim 25, and FIGs 3-12. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Accordingly, claims 26-28 and 43-45 are now pending.

Applicants do not acquiesce to the propriety of any rejections, and the present amendments are made solely to expedite prosecution of this application. These amendments should not be construed as an abandonment or disclaimer of any originally-disclosed subject matter, and the Applicants reserve the right to pursue all disclosed subject matter including any cancelled claims or any original claim in its unamended form in one or more divisional or continuation applications.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

The Examiner has rejected claims 25-28 and 44-45 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Applicants respectfully traverse. Claim 25 has been cancelled and hence the rejection to this claim is now moot. Claim 26, as amended herein, incorporates

both the claim 25 and claim 26 amendments discussed in the phone interview and hence is now free of the indefiniteness rejections raised. Claims 27-28 and 43-45 as currently amended now depend on claim 26 and hence are also free of the 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph rejections. Accordingly, Applicants request withdrawal of the instant rejections and allowance of claims 26-28 and 43-45 as amended herein.

IV. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected claims 18-25, 27, 28 and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Preece et al., (EP 0 338 667, referred to hereinafter as “Preece”).

Since claims 18-25 have been cancelled and claims 27, 28 and 43 have been amended to now depend on claim 26, the present 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are now moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and allowance of all pending claims, namely claim 26 and its dependents claims 27, 28, and 43-45.

V. ALLOWABLE CLAIMS 26, 44, AND 45

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating claims 26, 44 and 45 are allowable if they overcome the rejections of indefiniteness and are rewritten to incorporate any claims from which they depend on. Claim 26 has been amended to incorporate its base claim (claim 25) and additionally the indefiniteness rejections to this claim have been addressed in sections above. Hence claim 26 and its dependents claims 27, 28, 43-45 are all believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request allowance of said claims.

VI. INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Applicants file an IDS concurrently herewith in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 and MPEP § 609 and respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the cited information and acknowledge such consideration with appropriate markings on Form PTO/SB/08.

V. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Applicants file a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith and request entry of the present claim amendments and consideration of the IDS also filed concurrently herewith.

CONCLUSION

The extendable due date for response to the instant Office Action, under a three-month shortened statutory period, is November 9, 2011. Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in connection with this Response. However, in the unlikely event that any such fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the same to Deposit Account No. 50-3994, with reference to our matter LT00012 US. This is not an authorization to pay the issue fee.

Applicants respectfully request that this paper be entered. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application and the pending claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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